



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

**PROCLAMATION**  
**FOLIC ACID AWARENESS MONTH**  
**January 2004**

**WHEREAS**, the future of North Dakota is in our children, and so, it is vital to strive for a healthy birth for every child born in North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous studies show that folic acid taken prior to pregnancy prevents spinal cord birth defects; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential for a woman to understand the importance of taking a multi-vitamin three months prior to her pregnancy; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Folic Acid Taskforce, sponsored by the March of Dimes and supported by NDSU Extension, is sponsoring a statewide information campaign to increase the number of women taking a daily multi-vitamin; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim January 2004, **FOLIC ACID AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State